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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MUHAMMAD ALI TO SOVIET UNION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WASHINGTON POST MAY CARRY STORY FEB. 28 ON MUHAMMAD ALI'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO USSR IN JUNE. ALI'S REPRESENTATIVE, SULTAN KARIM, EXPECTS TO VISIT MOSCOW IN NEXT 30-40 DAYS TO DO ADVANCE WORK. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IF ASKED ABOUT ALI'S TRAVEL:

2. MUHAMMAD ALI MET WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN ON FEB. 27 TO DISCUSS ALI'S TRIP TO THE USSR, WHICH IS SCHEDULED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. HE WILL VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AND POSSIBLY OTHER CITIES IN THE USSR. DURING HIS VISIT, HE WILL ENGAGE IN SOME EXHIBITION BOXING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FURTHERING INTERNATIONAL SPORTS AND PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES OF THIS TYPE.

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MUHAMMAD ALI'S TRIP IS ON A PRIVATE BASIS AT THE INVITATION OF THE USSR. HE WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING UNDER ANY OFFICIAL US-USSR EXCHANGE PROGRAM; HOWEVER, HE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WE HAVE OFFERED ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

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